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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

an application server to execute an enterprise planning session for a set of enterprise contributors in accordance with an enterprise planning model, wherein the enterprise planning model defines hierarchically arranged nodes and associates the enterprise contributors with the nodes; and

an administration console that supports node-level modification of individual nodes of the enterprise planning model while the application server executes the enterprise planning session in accordance with the model,

wherein the administration console allows an analyst to check-out individual nodes of the model for editing during execution of the enterprise planning session without taking the model offline and without preventing execution of the enterprise planning session by the application server in accordance with the model.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1, wherein the administration console receives updated model information from the analyst for the checked-out nodes, and updates a respective slice of the enterprise planning model for only the checked-out nodes based on the updated model information.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 2, wherein the administration console modifies business logic software modules associated with the checked-out individual nodes in response to the updated model information.

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Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1,

wherein, during the execution of the enterprise planning session and prior to the check-out of the individual nodes, the application server receives and processes contribution data from enterprise contributors associated with the nodes of the model; and

wherein the administration console reconciles the contribution data that was received prior to the check-out of the individual nodes with the updated model information when the checked-out nodes are subsequently checked-in during the execution of the enterprise planning session.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 4[[2]], wherein the administration console reconciles the contribution data by defining reconciliation jobs for execution by the application server to reconcile the contribution data with the updated model information.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 4[[2]],

wherein the administration console reconciles the contribution data by defining reconciliation jobs for execution by remote local computers of the enterprise contributors to reconcile the previously received contribution data with the updated model information, and

wherein the administration console pushes the reconciliation jobs to the local computing devices of the enterprise contributors for execution on the local computing devices to reconcile the previously received contribution data entered by the enterprise contributors with the updated model information.

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Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:

executing an enterprise planning session in accordance with an enterprise planning model, wherein the enterprise planning model defines hierarchically arranged nodes associated with business logic software modules and enterprise contributors; and

checking-out an individual one of the nodes of the model for editing during execution of the enterprise planning session in accordance with the enterprise planning model; and

modifying the checked-out node one or more of the nodes of the model without preventing execution of the enterprise planning session for the nodes of the enterprise planning model that are not checked-out.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 7, wherein modifying the checked-out node one or more of the nodes comprises:

receiving updated model information for the checked-out nodes, and

updating a respective slice of the enterprise planning model for only the checked-out node based on the updated model information.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 8, wherein updating the enterprise planning model comprises modifying the business logic software modules or the enterprise contributors associated with the checked-out individual nodes in response to the updated model information.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving and processing contribution data from the enterprise contributors associated with the nodes of the model during the execution of the enterprise planning session and prior to the check-out of the individual nodes; and

reconciling the contribution data that was received prior to the check-out of the individual nodes with the updated model information when the checked-out nodes are subsequently checked-in during the execution of the enterprise planning session.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

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Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 10[[11]], wherein reconciling comprises defining reconciliation jobs for execution by an application server to reconcile the previously received contribution data with the updated model information for the checked-in nodes modified nodes.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 10[[11]], wherein reconciling comprises defining reconciliation jobs for execution by remote computers of the enterprise contributors to reconcile the previously received contribution data with the updated model information for the checked-in nodes modified nodes.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium comprising instructions to cause a processor to:

execute an enterprise planning session in accordance with an enterprise planning model, wherein the enterprise planning model defines hierarchically arranged nodes associated with business logic software modules and enterprise contributors; and

check-out an individual one of the nodes of the model for editing during execution of the enterprise planning session in accordance with the enterprise planning model; and

modify the checked-out node one or more of the nodes of the model without preventing execution of the enterprise planning session for the nodes of the enterprise planning model that are not checked out.

Claim 15 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein modifying one of the nodes comprises:

receiving updated model information for the nodes, and

updating the enterprise planning model based on the updated model information.

Claim 16 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein updating the enterprise planning model comprises modifying the business logic software modules or the enterprise contributors associated with the node in response to the updated model information.

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Claim 17 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 14, further comprising instructions to cause the processor to receive and process contribution data from the enterprise contributors associated with the nodes of the model.

Claim 18 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 14, further comprising instructions to cause the processor to reconcile previously received contribution data with the modified nodes.

Claim 19 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein reconciling comprises defining reconciliation jobs for execution by an application server to reconcile the previously received contribution data with the modified nodes.

Claim 20 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein reconciling comprises defining reconciliation jobs for execution by remote computers of the enterprise contributors to reconcile the previously received contribution data with the modified nodes.

Claim 21 (New): The system of claim 1, wherein during the enterprise planning session the application server prevents users from saving or reviewing data associated with any individual node that is currently checked-out and being edited and allows users to save or review data associated with individual nodes not currently being edited.